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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2015-8304; Airspace Docket No. 15-AEA-15]

Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Charlottesville, VA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends Class E Airspace Designated as an Extension to a Class D at Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport, Charlottesville, VA, as the Azalea Park Non-Directional Radio Beacon (NDB) has been decommissioned requiring airspace reconfiguration at the airport. Also, the Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) part time status is removed from this airspace. This action also updates the geographic coordinates of the above airport and the University of Virginia Medical Center Heliport in Class D and E airspace listed in this final rule. This action enhances the safety and management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations in the area.

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, September 15, 2016. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under Title 1, Code of Federal Regulations, part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

ADDRESSES: FAA Order 7400.9Z, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20591; telephone: 202-267-8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of FAA Order 7400.9Z at NARA, call 202-741-6030, or go to http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal-regulations/ibr_locations.html.

FAA Order 7400.9, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority for this Rulemaking

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part, A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing

regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it amends Class D and Class E airspace at Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport, Charlottesville, VA.

History

On March 28, 2016, the FAA published in the **Federal Register** a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend Class D airspace, Class E Surface Area Airspace, Class E Airspace Designated as an Extension to a Class D, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport, Charlottesville, VA (81 FR 17118). The Azalea Park NDB has been decommissioned requiring airspace reconfiguration at the airport. This action also to updates the geographic coordinates of the airport and University of Virginia Medical Center Heliport, and eliminates the NOTAM information that reads, "This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and time established in advance by Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Airport/Facility Directory" from the regulatory text of the Class E airspace designated as an extension to Class D at Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport, Charlottesville, VA. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

Class D and E airspace designations are published in paragraphs 5000, 6002, 6004, and 6005, respectively, of FAA Order 7400.9Z dated August 6,

2015, and effective September 15, 2015, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR Part 71.1. The Class D and E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document amends FAA Order 7400.9Z, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 6, 2015, and effective September 15, 2015. FAA Order 7400.9Z is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order 7400.9Z lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Rule

This amendment to Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 amends Class D airspace, Class E Surface Area Airspace, Class E Airspace Designated as an Extension to a Class D, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport, Charlottesville, VA. The Azalea Park NDB has been decommissioned requiring airspace reconfiguration at the airport. This action also updates the geographic coordinates of the airport and University of Virginia Medical Center Heliport, and eliminates the NOTAM information that reads, “This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and time established in advance by Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Airport/Facility Directory” from the regulatory text of the Class E airspace designated as an extension to Class D at Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport, Charlottesville, VA.

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that only affects air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures," paragraph 5-6.5a. This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (Air).

Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR Part 71 as follows:

**PART 71 --DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS;
AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS**

1. The authority citation for Part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g); 40103, 40113, 40120, E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

§71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.9Z, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 6, 2015, effective September 15, 2015, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000 Class D Airspace

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AEA VA D Charlottesville, VA [Amended]

Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport, VA
(lat. 38°08'23"N., long 78°27'08"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 3,100 MSL within a 4.2-mile radius of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Airport/Facility Directory.

Paragraph 6002 Class E Surface Area Airspace

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AEA VA E2 Charlottesville, VA [Amended]

Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport, VA
(lat. 38°08'23"N., long 78°27'08"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within a 4.2-mile radius of Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport. This Class E airspace area is effective during

the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Airport/Facility Directory.

Paragraph 6004 Class E Airspace Designated as an Extension to a Class D Surface Area.

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AEA VA E4 Charlottesville, VA [Amended]

Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport, VA
(lat. 38°08'23"N., long 78°27'08"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within 2.2 miles each side of the 202° bearing from Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport extending from the 4.2-mile radius to 6-miles southwest of the airport.

Paragraph 6005. Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward from 700 feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.

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AEA VA E5 Charlottesville, VA [Amended]

Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport, VA
(lat. 38°08'23"N., long 78°27'08"W.)
University of Virginia Medical Center Heliport
(lat. 38°01'52"N., long 78°29'54"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.8-mile radius of Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport, and within a 6-mile radius of the University of Virginia Medical Center Heliport.

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